Effect Of Acetylene Rates And Temperature Variations Of Cobalt Nanoparticles In Carbon Nanotubes

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Abstract: In this paper, low pressure chemical vapor deposition device is used to synthesize carbon nanotubes (CNTs) of cobalt nanoclusters. The physico-chemistry properties of cobalt nanoclusters obtained of carbon nanotubes with diameter sized between 2~3 nm. The effect of temperature variation was between 650 to 950ºC. The gas flow rates of (Argon, 100 standard cubic centimeters per minute (sccm), Hydrogen 50 sccm and (Acetylene, 10, 20, 30 sccm) were applied respectively, for each 20 minutes of the samples. The best obtained result of the CNTs affected by acetylene rates and temperature variations. It was exactly obtained at 650ºC and Acetylene rate 20 sccm. Finally; implications of the scanning electron microscopic SEM nanotubes results and their possible applications were discussed using fractal methods.

Keywords: Acetylene rate; temperature variations; carbon nanotubes, Fractal methods

1. Introduction

The carbon nanotubes are currently the focus of intensive research due to their unique properties and potential to impact broad research of science and technology [1].our study investigate the effect properties of CNTs using fractal methods by classify surface analysis. The most common parameter derived from the fractal analysis is the fractal dimension Dd that is direct geometric implication in relation to other material parameters found in various applications [2]. Materials with modified nanostructures surface have attracted great attention in the last decade because of their numerous applications such as medicine micro channel plate's technology (MCP) [3], filtration, and hydrogen sensors [4].There are six basic methods of measuring fractal properties the box counting method, adsorption studies, chord-length measurements, and correlation function measurements, small angle scattering and spectral methods [5]. Such that; the fractal dimension is a measure the roughness of a surface [6].In previous study was used the change of Pd/AAO membrane structure using fractal approach [7]. For an image with embedded fractal objects (namely the Pd aggregates), the number of covering boxes scales as N (l) ~ l–D, where D is fractal dimension [8]. Here, a direct visualization of these microstructures can be done using the concept of surface roughness [9].Thus, our main contribution in this study is the application of two-parameter generalized based on temperatures changes and gas flow rates Acetylene. The formation process introduced for cobalt nanoparticles deposit on the Silicon Wafer substrates on Low Pressure Chemical Vapor Deposition System (LPCVD).

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2. Materials and Methods

In this study the cobalt nanoparticles (Co NPs) size were 2~3nm. The purity of (Co NPs) was 99.99%.The weight of cobalt and sample holder was 0.108g. The weight of cobalt was 0.6074g. The cobalt samples and sample holder were supported by ceramic and putted in LPCVD device, model (CV-6SLX). Experiment conditions for each samples were annealed at 650, 750, 850, 950ºC respectively for 20 minutes in a flow of 100 sccm of Argon and 50 sccm of Hydrogen and then LPCVD growth was carried out by the addition of 10~30 sccm of acetylene for constant timing of 20 minutes. Hereby, the surface morphology for each samples of the carbon nanotubes were studied by scanning electron microscope (SEM, model: JSM–6460 LV).

3. Results and Discussion

Figure 1 shows the SEM morphologies for carbon nanotubes. During the annealing, the sample temperature was changed with fixed pressure 30torr. The spots increased in nanotubes growth per each sample subjected to time and heating treatments as shown in Fiqure 1.

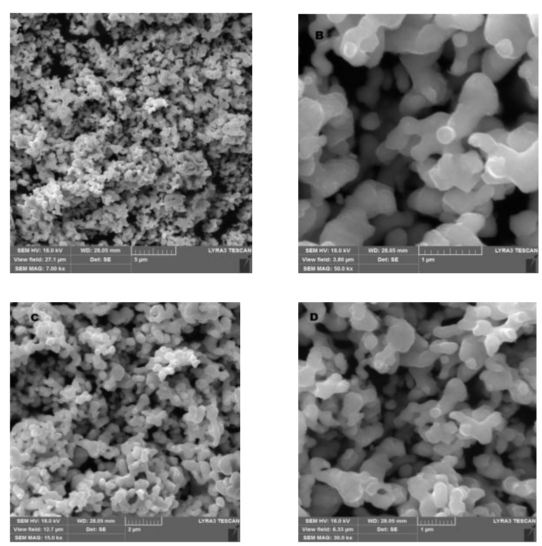


Figure 1: *SEM microstructure images result of Co CNTs surface with sub-particle sizes/Aº*

3.1. Fractal Analysis Method

In this work we used the box counting methos for fractal analysis and The Co CNTs microstructure images bellowed were analyzed using program harmonic and fractal image analyzer (HarFA 5.1). A digital image a [x, y] is a box counting described in a 2D discrete space defined by the x-axis representing the possible gray values and the y-axis representing the number of pixels for each gray value. The value is assigned to the integer coordinates [x, y] with x = 0, 1, 2, x-1 and y = 0, 1, 2, y-1. So we can get various fractal dimensions from one image [9]. Therefore, In this work each of the SEM image was subdivided roughly into five digital images of [250 x 250] pixels, to cover the sample completely, which gave a raw image space so that the Co CNTs surface distribution of the sample could be observed in the flat as shown in Figure 3. The cobalt Co nanoparticles with different sizes were deposited using a sequential electroless deposition technique on the pore walls of nonporous Silicon Si wafer Substrate Figure 4. The parameter estimation for Co CNTs microstructures images can be carried out by analyzing the spatial data at two different regimes, namely small scales (high frequencies) and large scales (low frequencies) using different techniques of Box counting methods. As mentioned earlier, from the small scales behaviors one can deduce the locally self-similar scaling exponent d or the fractal dimension Dd through D=3−d/2.

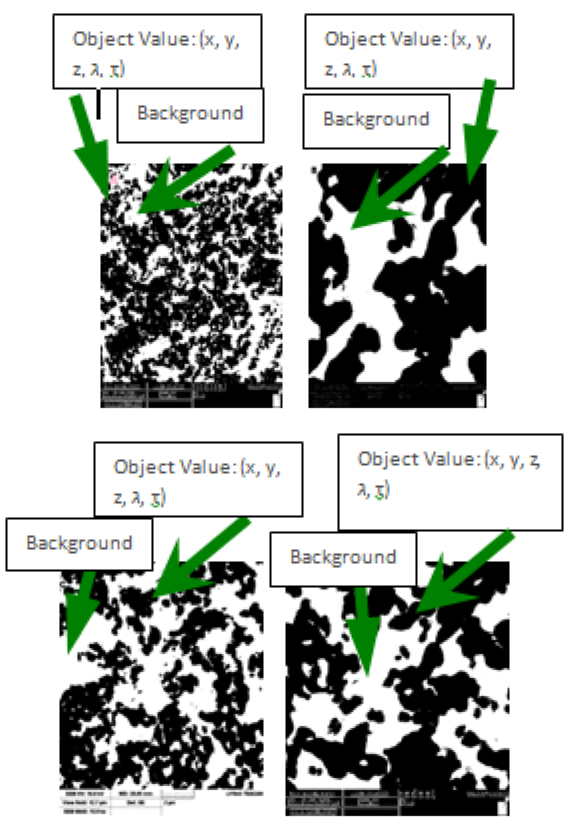


Figure 2: Fractal dimension and Box counting Analysis A, B, C, and D

Figure 2 shows the binary images, which contain two gray levels marked by black and white colors; the black represents the Co nanoparticles (object) and the white the background Si wafer substrate. Following Figure 5 there is a sufficient number of data points of cobalt nanoparticles, and then we perform a linear regression of the dataset of object (Particle size distributions) and determine the fractal dimension of the Co CNTs surface (Dd) by using the [10] equation :-

$$D_d = \frac{\log(\text{number of self-similar})(NSP)}{\log(\text{magnification factor})(MF)} \quad \text{-------------- (1)}$$

And thus from equation above plotting log number of self-similar cobalt CNTs surface (NSP) versus log magnification factor of the self-similar cobalt CNTs (MF) will produce a straight line with a slope that gives the fractal dimension of cobalt CNTs Dd. As bellow see Figure 3.

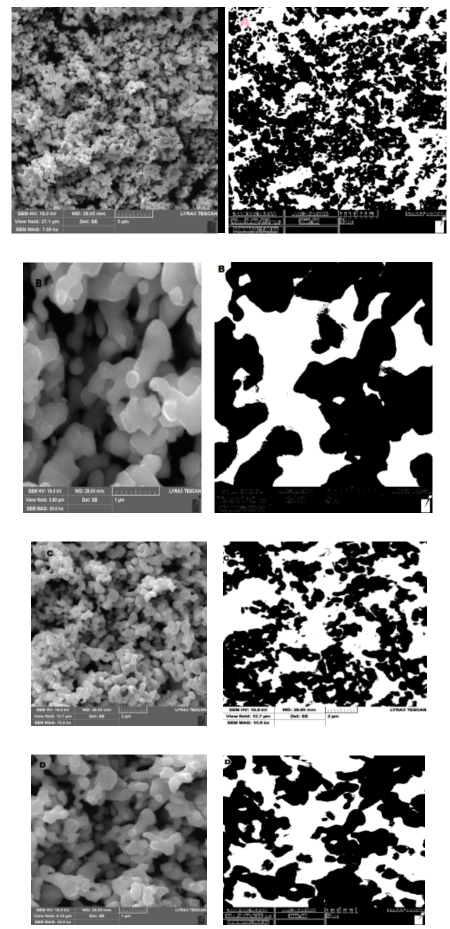


Figure 3: *(A, B, C and D) Binarization Steps for each treated Co CNTs surface microstructure images into Gray Scales with sub-particle sizes /A° respectively*

3.2. Fractal Dimension of Co CNTs surface calculations

The fractal dimensions of the pores were estimated by Equation 1 using the Image J1.29x analysis program. The Figures 5 plots the logarithm of the number of self-similar cobalt CNTs nanoparticles (log NSP) versus the logarithm of the magnification factor of self-similar pores (log MF). The relationships are linear with their slopes giving the fractal dimensions (Dd) of the cobalt CNTs. The values of Dd have been varied.

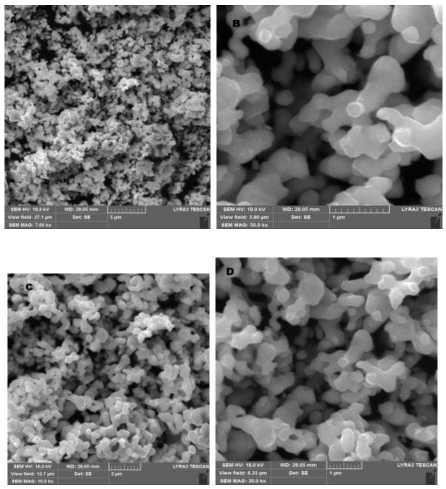
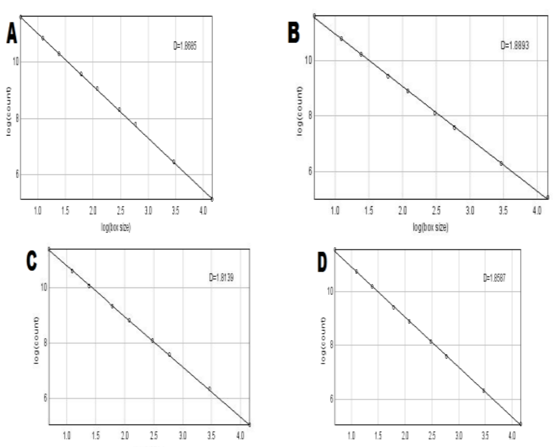


Figure 4: *Subdivided samples of Co CNTs surface 250*250 pixles*

3.3. The fractal dimensions for each sample A, B, C, and D

Fractal dimensions of each subdivided samples of microstructure Image cobalt CNTs surface sub-particle sizes/Aº shown as:



Figures 5: *A, B, C and D Fractal dimensions of each subdivided samples of microstructure Image cobalt CNTs surface sub-particle sizes/Aº*

3.4. Surface roughness of treated cobalt CNTs microstructure Samples

The surface roughness of treated cobalt CNTs microstructure for each Sample a, b, c, and d shown in Fiqure 7. It is determine the variations of carbon nanotube of formation density and changable parameters of heating and gases flow rates.

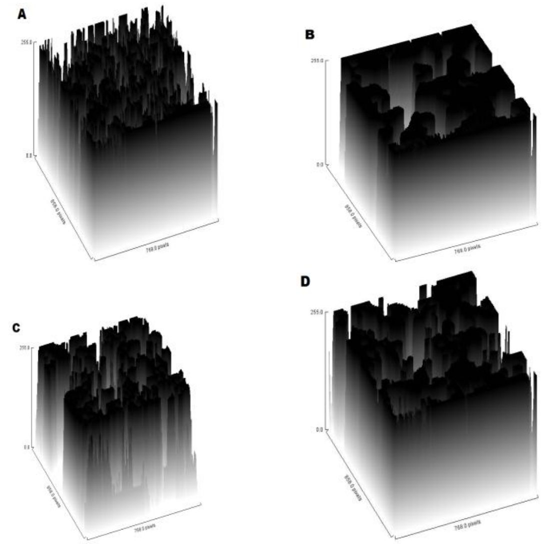


Figure 7: *Surface Roughness of cobalt CNTs treated microstructure Sub-particle sizes/Å*

4. Conclusion

To date, fractal concepts have provided powerful tools for describing different physical properties for nanomaterial. Our analysis revealed from above fig. 5 and 6 results as follow highly multi-walled cobalt CNTs obtained as a result of Co Nanoparticles random distribution on Silicon Si Wafer substrate. It was appeared associated with different particle sizes distributions. The surface roughness of cobalt CNTs increased with increasing cobalt sub-particle sizes. There are a Non-linear (Steady) relationships was observed between fractal dimension of cobalt CNTs with its particle sizes /Aº and fractal analysis on gray-level images of Co Carbon Nanotubes CNTs Surface has been carried out based on two related concepts, namely self-similarity and long-range dependence. As a result of various temperatures TºC formations affects at CNTs production processes. Both characteristics of self-similarity and long-range can be deduced from the presence of power scaling laws, but at two opposite extremes of scales. A generic model that couples these two ubiquitous properties is the well-known on bellow graphic, where the scaling behavior is observed over the whole range of scales proportionally.

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